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Mr. CHARLESWORTH made a communication on the subject of recent discoveries of flint implements in Norfolk.

The Rev. J. GUNN, a member of the Norwich Geological Society, who was invited to take part in the discussion, stated that most of the flint implements found in the neighbourhood of Thetford were ribbed or scratched, and he had come to the conclusion that they were equally distributed over the gravel beds and not limited to certain localities.

The PRESIDENT observed that the subject required further investigation, and the council having deputed Mr. Charlesworth to go to Norfolk for that purpose, they should hear more about these caves and their contents next session.

The thanks of the Society were then voted to Mr. Charlesworth and to the Rev. J. Gunn for their communications.

A paper was then communicated by Dr. Barnard Davis, "On the Skeleton of an Aino Woman and on three skulls of men of the same race," which will be printed in full in the *Memoirs*.

Thanks were given to Dr. Davis for his paper.

After some remarks from the President,

The meeting was adjourned to the 2nd of June.

JUNE 2ND, 1868.

DR. JAMES HUNT, F.S.A., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

THE minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Alfred Wiltshire, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, was elected a Fellow.

The presents received since the last meeting were announced as under, and thanks were voted to the donors:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

FROM THE EDITOR.—Examination and Confession of Certain Witches.
By H. Beigel, Esq., M.D.

FROM THE SOCIETY.—Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, vol. 6, part ii.

FROM THE AUTHOR.—Ueber Germanische Grabstätten am Rhein.
By Prof. H. Schaaffhausen.

FROM THE EDITOR.—Medical Press and Circular.

FROM THE INSTITUTE.—Giornale de Scienze del Inst. di Palermo;
1867, vol. iii. fas. 4.

FROM THE AUTHOR.—The New Principia. By Captain Morrison, R.N.

FROM THE AUTHOR.—La Géographie et les Monuments du Pérou.
By E. G. Squier, Esq.

The following communication from Mr. HYDE CLARKE was read.

NOTE ON CREOLISM.

I designate as Creolism that change which takes place in the offspring of Englishmen born in certain other countries, and presenting

what is called a Yankee appearance, narrower figure, greater height ; high narrow forehead, and loss of several teeth before 28, with a nasal twang in speaking.

The countries in which this takes place as yet observed are the United States, including Canada, and Australia.

The phenomenon is sometimes observed in the first birth after migration, but a subsequent birth may present the features of the recognised English type.

Children of English type likewise appear in Creole families.

The following points require investigation :

Are Englishmen, Irishmen and Germans affected in this way, or any other race ?

Is there any limit in the Southern States of America ? This appears doubtful, as the phenomenon is recognised in the cold of Canada and the warmth of Sydney, and does not appear to depend on temperature.

Does the phenomenon affect hybrids from negro mothers in the States, does it extend to New Zealand, and does it affect Maori hybrids ?

Must the gestation be performed in the new climate ; that is, are Yankee children born, which have been conceived previous to the migration ?

How long after migration are examples known of Yankee children ?

Is the proportion of births of English type greater in immigrants or in their descendants ?

13th April, 1868.

HYDE CLARKE.

Mr. McGRIGOR ALLAN observed that there is a great difference of speech between the Canadians and the native citizens of the United States ; and that there is no Yankee twang in the speech of the former.

Dr. BEDDOE remarked that with regard to the stature of the Americans, more valuable evidence was given in the work of Dr. Hammond on Hygiene (p. 29), which contained the measurements of 100 men who were recruits for the army from each of eighteen states, and in most instances the heights were far above those in our army. We had made one estimate of the height of recruits for the British army ; and in nine of the American states it was as much as two inches higher. Further south the men were yet taller, and in Georgia no less than 30 per cent. were 6 feet high. It was doubtful whether there was any district in England in which the majority of the men were of that stature.

The next communication was contributed and read by Dr. BEDDOE.

On the Physical Characteristics of the Danes.—[Abstract.]

The paper was founded on a series of measurements made on twenty-eight seamen from various parts of Denmark, continental and insular. This number was, of course, too small for any very definite conclusions to be placed upon the data ; but from which, however, Dr. Beddoe inferred that great variations occurred among the Danes with respect to the *modulus* of breadth, some of them being strongly